



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2005 - 49

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### *TEMPORARY LOCATION OF LSU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE*

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- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005, as amended by Proclamation No. 54 KBB 2005;
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;
- WHEREAS,** Hurricane Katrina and the related flooding damaged and/or destroyed the facilities used by the Health Sciences Center of Louisiana State University;
- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana State University Health Science Center is a dominant provider of education for medical doctors, dentists, nurses and allied health care providers;
- WHEREAS,** the faculty of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine also provide substantial clinical medical services for the citizens of Louisiana, including the indigent and uninsured who were displaced from the New Orleans area to Baton Rouge;
- WHEREAS,** the faculty, staff, and students of the Louisiana State University Health Science Center have been displaced as a result of this disaster;
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana State University has temporarily moved the operations of the Health Science Center to Baton Rouge, with classes starting at Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical Research Center, as well as other locations;
- WHEREAS,** the influx of evacuees from the disaster area as well as the influx of emergency and relief personnel to address the tremendous needs of the area have created a critical shortage of available housing in the Baton Rouge area;
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana State University, in conjunction with state officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (hereafter **FEMA**) has arranged to provide temporary emergency housing for many of these displaced faculty, staff, and students in a chartered ship which can be docked on the Mississippi River in the Baton Rouge area;
- WHEREAS,** FEMA in approving the use of the chartered ship, recognized that the continued viability of the Louisiana State University Health Science Center is at stake and that the providing of housing for students, faculty, and staff was essential to maintain the institution which produces doctors, nurses, dentists, and allied health care professionals for state of Louisiana, now and in the future;
- WHEREAS,** docking space is available in the Port of Greater Baton Rouge, which is governed by the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana pursuant to Article VI, Section 44(2) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974;
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to R.S. 29:724(D), the governor is authorized to use all available resources to the state and of each political subdivision of the state as reasonably necessary to

cope with the disaster and emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana State University Health Science Center has requested that docking space at the Greater Baton Rouge Port be made available for such charter ship as it is critical to the continued viability of their Health Science Center;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission (hereafter **A**ommission**@**shall take all reasonable steps, in light of the emergency circumstances, to make available to Louisiana State University School of Medicine an appropriate docking facility within the Port of Greater Baton Rouge suitable for use by the chartered ship as temporary emergency housing for displaced faculty, staff, and students of their Health Science Center.

**SECTION 2:** The Commission shall allow Louisiana State University the use of, and suitable access to, this docking facility beginning on the day this executive order is signed by the governor, and to continue use as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Order.

**SECTION 3:** All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the implementation the provisions of this Order.

**SECTION 4:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 23rd day of September, 2005.



**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

**/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco**  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**/S/ Al Ater**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**